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for a meeting of the Legislative Council in November. We have to deal with the subject very soon and it is requested that the Select Committee may prepare its report by the end of this month."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" I second it."

The hon. the PRESIDENT : —" The question is that the Select Committee be given a direction that they should report by the end of this month."

Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—" Sir, I beg to oppose the motion, because as the convener of the Select Committee it may not be possible for me to have the report ready at the end of this month."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member need not anticipate who the convener of the Select Committee meetings will be." (Laughter.)

Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—" I meant 'mover of the motion.' "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" With your permission, Sir, may I ask whether the second week of November will be convenient time to the hon. Member ? In that case I will move an amended motion."

Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—" I am sorry I will not be able to fix the time."

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee composed of the undermentioned members :—

(1) Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti.
(2) ,, K. R. Karant.
(3) ,, C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar.
(4) ,, T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai.
(5) ,, A. B. Shetty.
(6) Rao Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu.
(7) ,, C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar.
(8) Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar.
(9) Dr. (Mrs.) S. Muthulakshmi Reddi.
(10) The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar.
(11) ,, Sir Norman Marjoribanks.
(12) Mr. M. V. Gangadhara Siva.
(13) ,, W. P. A. Soundarapandia Nadar.
(14) ,, N. Siva Raj.
(15) ,, V. I. Muniswami Pillai.
(16) ,, S. Satyamurti."

The motion was put and carried.

XI

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES ACT, 1920.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" I beg to second the motion."

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" I beg to introduce the Bill."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" I second the motion."

XII

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS ABKARI ACT, 1886.

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move that my Bill [a] to amend the Madras Abkari Act, 1886, be referred to a Select Committee. I have sent an amendment to ask the permission of the House that the number of Members on the Select Committee may exceed 15 and may be increased to 20."

3-45 p.m. The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that the Select Committee may consist of twenty members."

The motion was put to the House and carried.

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I now beg to move, Sir, that the Bill to amend the Madras Abkari Act, 1886, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the following Members :—

(1) The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar,
(2) Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro,
(3) Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar,
(4) The hon. the Advocate-General,
(5) Mr. J. A. Saldanha,
(6) ,, J. A. Davis,
(7) ,, W. O. Wright,
(8) Dr. B. S. Mallayya,
(9) Mr. K. Uppi Sahib,
(10) ,, P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu,
(11) ,, G. Harisarvottama Rao,
(12) ,, L. K. Tulasiram,
(13) Rao Sahib R. Srinivasan,
(14) Mr. K. R. Karant,
(15) ,, A. B. Shetty,
(16) ,, C. B. Cotterell,
(17) ,, S. N. Dorai Raja,
(18) ,, D. K. Syed Ibrahim Sahib,
(19) ,, K. Krishnan and
(20) ,, P. T. Rajan.

" In making this motion, Sir, I request the House to bear with me with some patience while I explain the reasons for the present Bill to amend the Abkari Act of 1886."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Does the hon. Member think that it is likely to be opposed ? "

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I am going to explain the reasons, Sir."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Is it necessary to do so if the Bill is not going to be opposed, in the interests of expeditious disposal of business ? "

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I do not expect opposition seriously. But I want to briefly explain my position. "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I am not opposing the Bill exactly ; but I want to say a few words on the questions specifically raised there. "

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